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#### **PURPOSE**

The Continuation of Operations Plan (COOP) is to be used as a guide in the event the Pueblo Interagency Dispatch Center (PIDC) cannot continue operations in its primary location due to:

- A. Evacuation or closure of the Pike San-Isabel National Forest Supervisor's Office (PSICC)
- B. PIDC loses the ability to maintain radio communications with field and air resources
- C. Government furlough

#### **OBJECTIVE**

- A. Provide implementation procedures
- B. Provide a back-up power source
- C. Provide back-up computers
- D. Provide direction on notification procedures for COOP activation
- E. Provide pre-identified alternate locations with adequate supplies

#### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- A. Decision to activate the COOP lies with the Forest Supervisor, Unit Fire Management Officer, and the Center Manager or Acting.
- B. Activation of the COOP is based on the following:
  - 1. Purpose of evacuation or closure of PSICC.
  - 2. Estimated duration of power outage.
  - 3. Need for continuation of field operations.
- C. Temporary power loss (24 hours or less):
  - 1. Initial Attack Dispatch desks have a 27 minute back-up battery. Operations Manager (OPS) will determine rotation of Initial Attack (IA) desks.
  - 2. Operations Manager (OPS) will contact Black Hills Energy, Emergency Assistance, 1-800-694-8989 and request estimated time of power outage and that PIDC be a priority for power restoration.
- D. Extended events (24 hours or more):
  - 1. Lead Dispatcher/Operations will oversee tasks to be completed according to the emergency evacuation check list and cooperator notification form (Appendix 1).
  - Operations Manager (OPS) will notify agency Fire District Officer's/Fire Management Officer's (FDO's/FMO's), Law Enforcement Officer's (LEO's), and the Devils Head Tower that district dispatching is activated.
  - One qualified IADP will report to the following districts, based on need, in an AOV/POV or rental vehicle.
    - a. Station 2 Salida report to DFMO (District Fire Management Officer).
    - b. Station 3 Canon City report to DFMO (District Fire Management Officer).
    - c. Station 6 Springfield report to DFMO (District Fire Management Officer).
    - d. Station 9 Pikes Peak report to DFMO (District Fire Management Officer).
    - e. Station 11 Buffalo Creek/Morrison report to DFMO (District Fire Management Officer).
    - f. Rio Grande National Forest Monte Vista report to OPS (Operations).
  - 4. Aircraft desk will hand off flight-following to Fort Collins, Montrose and Durango Dispatch Centers.
  - 5. Center Manager or Acting will contact Rocky Mountain Coordination Center (RMCC) to request ROSS orders be processed through RMCC due to COOP activation along with PIDC contact information and that district dispatching is in place.

- 6. Center Manager or Acting will determine activation of expanded dispatch off-site and follow the PIDC Expanded Dispatch Plan procedures.
- E. Furlough the Unit Fire Management Officer (Unit FMO) and Center Manager or Acting will determine staffing needs of PIDC. Minimum staffing will be two personnel with one being a fully qualified Initial Attack Dispatcher (IADP).

#### **RETURN TO NORMAL OPERATIONS**

- A. Center Manager or Acting will notify RMCC.
- B. Operations Manager (OPS) will notify all FDO's/FMO's.
- C. Operations Manager (OPS) will fax sheet for COOP Deactivation Notification to county communication centers (Appendix 3)
- D. Center Manager or Acting will account for all equipment.
- E. Assistant Center Manager or Acting will refurbish the emergency evacuation kit.

Appendix 1 – Emergency Evacuation Check List and Cooperator Notification			
	Check off when completed		
Notify district FDO's and hand off radio			
communications for ground resources			
Notify other agency FDO's/FMO's, LEO's, IC's			
Fax sheet for COOP Activation Notification to			
County Communication Centers – Appendix 2 –			
Use COOP Group #1-5 on Fax Machine Instructions sheet			
above fax located in expanded dispatch			
Print out active WildCAD incidents			
Print out of resource status page from the PIDC			
Website			
Print out of PIDC Phone Directory from			
WildCAD (or take flip charts)			
Print off the PIDC SOP's			
Print off the Aircraft SOP's			
Print off the AD list from the PIDC master phone			
list			
Pull the PIDC Safety Plan notebook located on			
the bookshelf on the IA floor			
Pull dispatch vehicle #6365 to the front of the			
office, keys in lockbox above the refrigerator on			
the IA floor			
Pull the Bendix King radio from cubicle #1613			
Pull laptops from the aircraft desk and			
expanded desk			
Pull evacuation kit located in the copier/printer			
cubicle			
1 box of copier paper			
Announce PIDC out of service over the radio			
Forward phones to the 24-hour answering			
service 719-549-0540, and give on-call			
dispatcher contact name and number			

## The Pueblo Interagency Dispatch Center has activated its

Continuation of Operations Plan (COOP)

Until further notice

contact our 24-hour answering service

at **719-549-0540** 

to be directed to Pueblo Dispatch personnel

# Pueblo Interagency Dispatch Center has Returned to Normal Operations and can be contacted at 719-553-1600

Appendix 4 – Emergency Evacuation Kit Inventory List				
Item	Quantity	Item	Quantity	
PIDC Mob Guide		2x3 Sticky Notes		
R2 Mob Guide		3x3 Sticky Notes		
National Mob		General Messages		
Guide				
Road Atlas		Note Pads – 8.5 x 11		
3-Hole Punch		Blue Pens		
2-Hole Punch		Black Pens		
Scissors		Red Pens		
Stapler		Paper Clips		
Stapler Remover		Clamps		
Pike Map		Highlighters		
San-Is Map				
Com/Cim Map				